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| Application Number | 09/724,553 |
| Filing Date | November 28, 2000 |
| First Named Inventor | Lu, Peter S. |
| Art Unit | 1644 |
| Examiner Name | Belyavskiy, Michail A. |
| Attorney Docket Number | 020054-001130US |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114 Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 20-1430

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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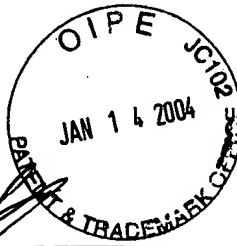
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In re application of:

Peter S. Lu et al.

Application No.: 09/724,553

Filed: November 28, 2000

For: MOLECULAR INTERACTIONS
IN T-LYMPHOCYTES
(AMENDED)

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No.: 7232

Examiner: Belyavskiy, Michail A.

Art Unit: 1644

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING
GROUP 1644

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the final Office Action mailed July 14, 2003 and as part of a Request for Continued Examination. The original deadline for submitting a response was October 14, 2003. A three month petition for extension of time is enclosed, thus extending the deadline to January 14, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.